



CITY NATURE CHALLENGE 2024



SEATTLE-TACOMA METROPOLITAN AREA – RESULTS!



OVERVIEW

Woodland Park Zoo, Point Defiance Zoo & Aquarium, Northwest Trek Wildlife Park and other collaborators help mobilize people across the greater Seattle area to join a friendly nature observation challenge involving hundreds of cities across the globe. Additional 2024 local organizers included Green Tukwila, Seattle Parks and Recreation, The Nature Conservancy, WA Dept. of Agriculture, WA Dept. of Fish and Wildlife, and WA State Recreation and Conservation Office.

Any observation made anywhere within the **Seattle-Bellevue-Tacoma-Everett metropolitan area**, which includes all of **King, Pierce and Snohomish counties**, between **Friday, April 26 – Monday, April 29** counted towards our total in the City Nature Challenge.

Participants took photos, identified what they saw and uploaded them to the project on **iNaturalist**. Participants also helped one another by identifying observations in iNaturalist.

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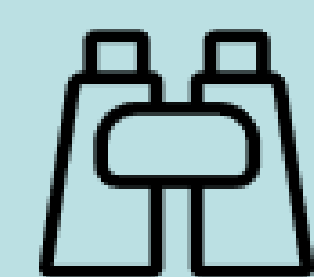
OBSERVE! April 25 – April 28, 2025

IDENTIFY! April 25 – May 4, 2025

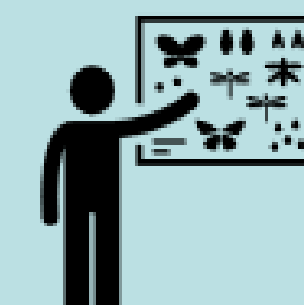
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GLOBAL RESULTS

690 Cities from 51 Countries



2,436,844
OBSERVATIONS



65,682+
SPECIES



83,528
PARTICIPANTS

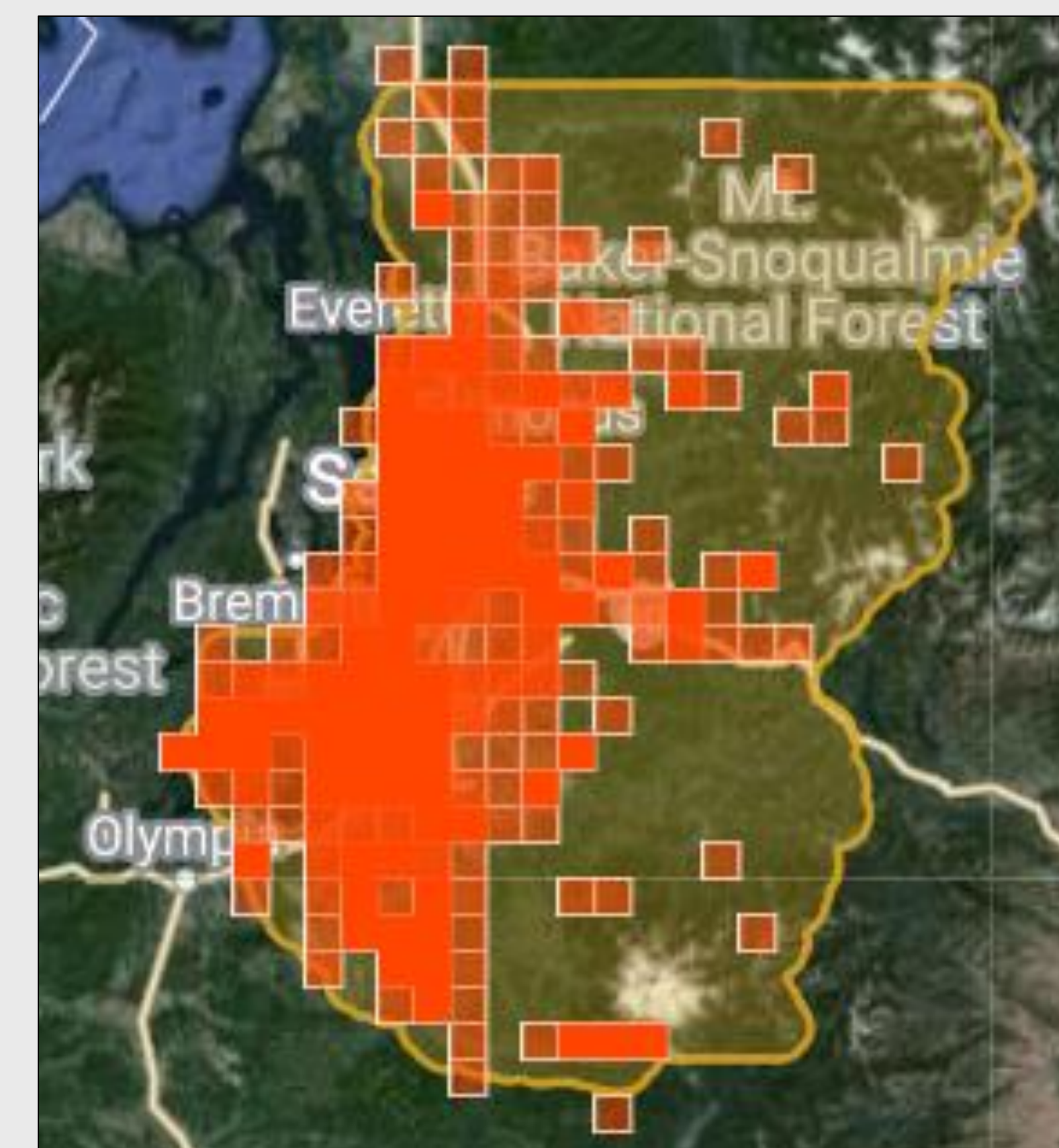
Including over 3,940 rare, endangered, or threatened species

SEATTLE-TACOMA RESULTS

	OBSERVATIONS	SPECIES	PARTICIPANTS
2024	16,395	1,868	895
2023	10,057	1,437	798
2022	7,705	1,280	654
2021	7,067	1,226	566
2020	5,190	1,044	565
2019	2,946	853	235
2018**	5,841	1,033	359
2017*	1,587	484	76

*Area for 2017 was the greater Seattle area

**Area for 2018 and subsequent years was the larger Seattle Metropolitan Area (all of Snohomish, King and Pierce counties). In 2018, Pt. Defiance Zoo & Aquarium ran a 24-hour bioblitz event during City Nature Challenge weekend, which generated 2,010 observations of 471 species by 162 participants.



Map showing the distribution of CNC 2024 observations in the Seattle Metropolitan Area (includes Snohomish, King and Pierce counties)

NOTABLE OBSERVATIONS



Horned Nudibranch
(*Hermisenda crassicornis*)
observed by samuelchain7
Photo © Sam Hain
<https://www.inaturalist.org/observations/210649576>



Riverbank Lupine
(*Lupinus rivularis*)
observed by sherryriver
Photo © sherryriver
<https://www.inaturalist.org/observations/212030337>



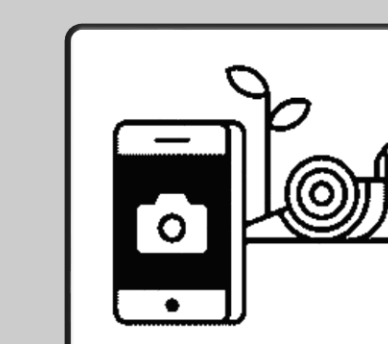
Plump Springtails
(Order Poduromorpha)
observed by jjjjaaaammmmmiiiiieeee
Photo © jamie axall
<https://www.inaturalist.org/observations/213692325>



Pacific Sea Gooseberry
(*Pleurobrachia bachei*)
Observed by ja_fields
Photo © JA Fields
<https://www.inaturalist.org/observations/212179384>

EVENTS & MEDIA

In 2024, we held our City Nature Challenge orientation and training sessions online. We offered a training for educators/group leaders and held a second training for individual participants.



Hoodline

<https://hoodline.com/2024/04/seattle-calls-on-residents-to-document-urban-biodiversity-with-city-nature-challenge-2024/>

King Conservation District

<https://kingcd.org/eventbrite-event/seattle-tacoma-city-nature-challenge-2024/>

Northwest Trek Wildlife Park

<https://www.nwtrek.org/event/city-nature-challenge/>

Seattle Parks and Recreation – Parkways

<https://parkways.seattle.gov/2024/04/12/your-bio-pic-could-be-the-winner/>

Visit Rainier

<https://www.nwtrek.org/event/city-nature-challenge/>

SEATTLE-TACOMA TOP OBSERVERS

Rank	User	Observations	Species
1	samuelchain7	732	405
2	hawnzd	657	394
3	aruejohns	632	245



TOP IDENTIFIERS

Rank	User	Identifications
1	aruejohns	1,444
2	hawnzd	1,086
3	hmheinz	706

Thanks to everyone who participated!